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As a provider of Fire and EMS services in Gaston, Oregon, our Agency would be adversely affected by the migration plan, as proposed in PR Docket 92-235 and feel it is unrealistic.

The proposed PR Docket 92-235 would require additional hilltop sites in order to assure adequate coverage because of safety issues for our public safety personnel. This is not only economically impossible with additional hilltops necessary, but would also require a change out of all existing mobiles and portables.

Docket 92-235 appears to prohibit mobile relay operations in the 150-174 MHz band for the public safety services. This again reduces coverage, which will be costly and prohibit car-to-car communications of a large area. Again, this will be an officer safety issue.

There are other concerns about the technical aspect of how the radios will work, but we will leave these to more knowledgeable people to give their comments. We do not agree with APCO's comments, which you have received, and encourage you to work with APCO and the APCO 25 Committee.

Sincerely,

Ron Hoodenpyl, Fire Chief  
 Gaston Rural Fire Protection District

cc: APCO, Oregon Emergency Management, Senator Bob Packwood,  
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